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For 1891.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 30th, 1890.

In view of the attention which the Light and Pass Ordinances have recently attracted, and the manner in which it is at present worked, a brief sketch of the legislation on this subject may not be without interest to our readers and profit to all concerned.

Ordinance No. 9 of 1857 provided for the issue by the Superintendent of the reformal houses within Victoria; and that "Any Chinaman found at large elsewhere than in his own habitation between the hours of eight in the evening and sunrise shall be liable to fine, imprisonment, public whipping, or public exposure in the stocks."

In this Ordinance no mention is made of women, but by Ordinance 9 of 1867 it is enacted that the provisions of 9 of 1857 shall be applicable to Chinese women, except so far as the same may authorize the infliction of any corporal punishment or exposure in the stocks.

Ordinance No. 14 of 1870 amended the law on the subject and enacted that it should "not be lawful for any Chinese (without reasonable excuse, the proof of which shall lie upon him) to be at large within the City of Victoria between the hours of nine in the evening and sunrise without a pass issued in conformity with this Ordinance."

Provision is made for the issue of annual passes to such Chinese residents as shall be approved, of special passes, and of quarterly passes to be used by any person with the authority of the person to whom they are issued.

In the penal clause flogging and exposure in the stocks are expunged and the punishment provided is simply fine or imprisonment. Under the heading of "Miscellaneous" it is further enacted that the Governor in Council may direct that all Chinese not being holders of an annual or special pass have occasion to be out after dark shall carry of cause to be carried with them a light, one light, however, being sufficient for any number of persons belonging to the same party.

Another clause declares the Ordinance to be applicable to women. Under this Ordinance Lieutenant-Governor Whitwell issued an Order in Council on the 8th September, 1871, directing that lights should be carried between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

This is the order now in force. The effect of the law is, therefore, that all Chinese—women as well as men—except the holders of annual or special passes, shall carry a light if they are out after seven o'clock and shall not be out after nine unless they have a pass.

Instructions have, however, been given to the police that women are not to be arrested under the Ordinance unless when found in the act of soliciting prostitution. In Section 1 of No. 9 of 1857 power was given to the Governor to suspend from time to time and from time to time revive the Ordinance.

This clause is not repealed by No. 14 of 1870 and it is provided that the two Ordinances shall be read together and construed as one Ordinance except in so far as the earlier one is repealed. The Governor would, therefore, appear, have the power by proclamation to suspend the Ordinance altogether, but whether he has power to suspend its application to a particular class or sex is another matter.

The question as to whether it was desirable the Ordinance should apply to women or not was fairly discussed in the Council, and not passed as a mere matter of course. The report of the discussion on the subject which appeared in the Daily Press of September 10th, 1870, is as follows:—"The Council went into Committee on the Pass Ordinance. The Attorney-General explained the details of its provisions. The various

first point discussed was whether it was desirable it should be made applicable to females as well as males. The Hon. Mr. Bates suggested that a strong reason for making it applicable to women was that men might go about in women's clothes. His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor observed that this had only recently been the case at home. The Colonial Secretary was of opinion that if the Ordinance were not applicable to women there would be a great deal of disorder, as women would be found going about in sampans, and all kinds of things in the same way. The sense of the members being taken, it was found that the feeling was in favour of the Ordinance continuing to place women under the same regulations, and the clause was agreed to accordingly.

It will thus be seen that considerable thought and care have been expended in the legislation on this subject, and that the provisions of the Ordinance were found essential to the good order and proper government of the Colony.

We are informed by the Agent that the O. and O. steamer *Galaxy*, with the American mails of 4th instant, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave that port for Hongkong to-day.

In their tea report, dated October 27th, October 27th, Watson & Co. say:—Since our last report two public sales have been held, one on the 6th October, when 7,238 chests were sold, and the other on the 26th, when 7,500 chests were sold. They went off fairly at lower rates.

We note that an opponent to the Manila letter has appeared in the field. The new letter is ostensibly intended for Japan, but is really a direct attack on the Manila letter. It is a purely local enterprise. The letters are printed in English and Chinese, and bear the name of the Hon. Y. K. S. Yee. We believe this to be the first issue. The letter is sold at the rate of 10 cents per copy. On the face of the document it would appear that these 858 prizes aggregating \$7,500, the highest being \$2,000. The promoters of this lottery evidently have more enterprise than knowledge of English, as a glance at the ticket will show.

The British steamer *Chindian*, Captain Orr, which arrived yesterday, reports details of the *Wang Ching*, which was captured by the *Wang Ching* and *Wang Ching* in similar case. It is only a question of time, when something will have to be done by somebody to remove the *Wang Ching* from the water. The *Wang Ching* is a small vessel, and the number of steamers detained is greater, and that vessels of a certain draught which a few years ago were not stopped at the bar, are now frequently stopped at the bar, and are detained for several days. The *Wang Ching* is a small vessel, and the number of steamers detained is greater, and that vessels of a certain draught which a few years ago were not stopped at the bar, are now frequently stopped at the bar, and are detained for several days.

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6.—Sums not exceeding \$50 may be remitted between the other Ports of China by means of Postage Stamps, subject to a charge of one per cent for cashing them.

